(a) whether there is any Government Visha Vaidyasala at Ernakulam at present ;

(b) if not the nearest place where there is one ;

(c) the distance from Ernakulam to the same?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—

(a) No.

(b) Marada.

(c) Five miles and six furlongs.

Visha Vaidyans—Ernakulam.

24. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether there are any recognised Visha Vaidyans in Ernakulam ;

(b) if there are, their names ;

(c) the number of cases on an average yearly brought to Ernakulam and treated?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—

(a) No.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of answer to question (a).

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Are there any Visha Vaidyans practising in Ernakulam?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—I have no information.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Are there no snakes in these parts ?

Assistant Surgeons—facilities to go to Europe for higher studies.

25. Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased:—

(a) to lay on the table a copy of the Proceedings dated 26th September 1931, D. D., Huzur R. Dis. 1967 of 1109 regarding facilities to be afforded to Assistant Surgeons to go to Europe for higher studies, etc.;

(b) how many Assistant Surgeons are there in service now who will be benefited by the same ;

(c) how many Assistant Surgeons now in service will be disqualified on account of the rule regarding the first ten years of service referred to in the above Proceedings ;

(d) whether the Government has received any applications for study leave from any Assistant Surgeon who has put in more than ten years of service, and if so, from whom ;

(e) whether the Government has passed any orders on such applications and if so, what orders?

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